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**CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON REITERATES OPPOSITION  
TO PICKERING NOMINATION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) released the following statement:

"I was pleased to see the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus renew its opposition to Pickering, along with the Magnolia Bar Association, the NAACP and the SCLC. This opposition is key to sending a strong, undeniable message to the U.S. Senate.

"This expression is evidence of the extensive record the judge has amassed and his insensitivity to civil rights concerns. The record of Charles Pickering is a clear one. His decisions in voting rights cases, EEOC discrimination cases, his many reversals by the Court of Appeals and his disregard for judicial ethics make him an unacceptable nominee to the [Fifth] Circuit.

"In the fourteen months since the Senate Judiciary Committee turned down the Pickering nomination, President Bush and the Republicans have failed to take advantage of the opportunity to nominate someone who is not a lightning rod on civil rights issues, as well as someone who will deal with the cases brought before him or her in a fair manner. This Administration continues to fail the minority community."

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